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### **Hyde Elementary Secures Field Trip Grant**

Hyde Elementary School fifth-graders will be visiting Lutherlyn Environmental Education Center in Prospect, Pa., free of charge this spring courtesy of an \$800 grant from Target Field Trips Grant program.

This is the first time any Moon Area School District school has received this Target grant, according to Vanessa Strassner, a special education teacher at Hyde who applied for and secured the grant. Every school district in the nation is eligible for one of 5,000 grants distributed by the retailer that facilitate learning beyond classrooms walls.

Thanks to the grant, Hyde students, many of whom have never ventured beyond an urban setting, will experience nature with hands-on science activities at the 640-acre environmental center.

The center contains a pond where students search for wildlife, an eco-friendly straw bale house where a green lifestyle is displayed, an energy-producing windmill and examples of marshland and forest habitats among many other science-related components. Each exhibit at the center brings to life what students have learned in their science books throughout the school year.

This spring marks the third trip to the center for Hyde's fifth-grade classes. Previously, the school's Parent Teacher Organization sponsored the trip. With the grant, those funds will be redistributed to benefit more Hyde students.